NCCF had authorised the local Bank on 20-5-85 to release payment to M/s. Dharamraj Neyuse and Co. Dubai against retirement of documents pertaining to transportation of Dry Dates (1500 MTs) for Iraq to Bombay even after expiry of letter of Credit;

(b) whether the CAF had favoured the above party in violation of rules of NCCF Government; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the CAF?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) The NCCF have reported that the Controller of Accounts & Finance had not issued any authorisation. However, the irregularities committed in the import of dry dates have been referred to CBI who have started regular investigation and action will be taken against those found guilty as per law.

Schemes for more employment opportunity

2779. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked all the Ministries to work out schemes and programmes to generate more employment opportunities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the objectives of these instructions; and

(d) what progress has been made by the Ministries concerned in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The various Ministries are already implementing a number of beneficiary/employment oriented schemes/programmes like the Self-employment Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth, Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Scheme for Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP), Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP), etc.

Telecast of TV Serial 'Mahabharat'

2780. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised telecast timing of T.V. Serial 'Mahabharat';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the objectives for this revision of timings;

(d) whether Government have also revised timings for telecast of TV serial 'Ramayana'; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith objectives therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (e) Telecast of the serial 'Mahabharat' started on Sundays at 11.30 a.m. with effect from 2nd October, 1988. Subsequently, the extended part of the serial 'Ramayana' also became available for scheduling. Even though the first part of this serial had been telecast on Sundays morning at 9.30 a.m., it was not considered desirable from viewership angle to telecast the two epics on Sundays morning. Hence, it has been decided to telecast 'Ramayana' at 9.00 p.m. on Fridays beginning from 9th December 1988. The telecast timing of Mahabharat has also been